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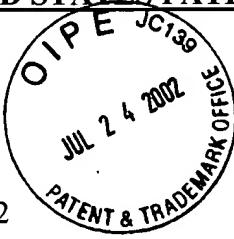
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated April 24, 2002. Please amend the instant application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-29 and add new claims 30-49.

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30. (New) A protective coating comprising a pigment and a binder, the binder comprising a polymer having a weight-average molecular weight of 10,000 – 100,000 and an acid value of 40 – 250, wherein the coating is on a substantially transparent surface and the coating is removable with a removing agent comprising a base and a complex former.

31. (New) The protective coating according to claim 30, wherein the binder has a weight-average molecular weight of 15,000 to 75,000.

32. (New) The protective coating according to claim 31, wherein the binder has a weight-average molecular weight of 20,000 to 50,000.

33. (New) The protective coating according to claim 30, wherein the acid value of the binder is between 60 and 160.

34. (New) The protective coating according to claim 30, wherein the binder has a polydispersity of 2-6.